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Louisiana Unified Command
Emergency Support Function #10 - Oil and Hazardous Materials Response
Orleans Parish Completion Report

To: State Coordinating Officer

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I. PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The enormity of environmental tasks associated with cleaning up from a natural disaster on the scale of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita is unprecedented in this country in terms of scope, duration and cost. States, parishes/counties and local municipalities have primary jurisdiction with regard to natural catastrophe cleanup. To the extent they are capable, these entities initiate cleanup activities operating under their own statutes and their various emergency operation and/or incident response plans, often in coordination with various federal agencies, as needed. In the event that state and local governments are overwhelmed by a natural disaster, as with Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the President may authorize federal authorities to respond to the disaster. As a result of these hurricanes, a Louisiana Unified Command, pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq. and Emergency Support Function #10-Oil and Hazardous Materials Response (ESF#10) was formed to conduct a response and recovery operation in impacted parishes. This Unified Command consisted of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Unified Command conducted various activities within Orleans Parish between September 2005 and May 2007. The purpose of this completion report is to document the completion of all operational activities within Orleans Parish pursuant to an Interagency Agreement and Mission Assignments issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Based upon available information, no further assistance from Louisiana Unified Command (ESF #10) is required to address oil and hazardous materials issues within Orleans Parish. Information relating to and summarizing each of those activities can be found within the attached Operational Activity Transition Records and the following sections of this Completion Record.

II. FINDINGS

The Unified Command initiated activity in Orleans Parish in September 2005. Operational activities included: Search and Rescue; environmental sampling of flood water, conveyance water, water quality, sediment, potable water, soil, air and soil sampling at FEMA temporary housing sites; the

recovery of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), orphan containers, and ammunition; reconnaissance of affected facilities, radiation source surveys, the assessment of drinking water and wastewater facilities; and the removal of laboratory chemicals from schools in the Parish. The Unified Command conducted the following assessments:

Reconnaissance of Public and Parochial Schools

School Laboratory Assessments	School Laboratory Removals
240 schools	31 schools

Facility Assessment – FRP	Facility Assessment – RMP	Facility Assessment – RCRA	Facility Assessment – TRI	Facility Assessment – UST
17 facilities	9 facilities	78 facilities	8 facilities	312 facilities

Drinking Water-Task 1	Drinking Water-Task 2	Drinking Water-Task 3	Drinking Water-Task 4
2 facilities	7 facilities	4 facilities	1 facilities

Wastewater Assessments	Radiation Source Surveys
23 facilities	44 sources

The Unified Command coordinated its response efforts with Federal, State, and Local officials. The attached Operational Activity Transition Records provide additional information on each activity conducted by the Unified Command within the Parish.

III. DETERMINATION OF COMPLETION

The Louisiana Unified Command for ESF#10 determined that it has fulfilled its obligations pursuant to Interagency Agreement HSFE06-06-X-2014 and to FEMA Mission Assignments 1603DR-LA-EPA-02, 1603DR-LA-EPA-03, 1603DR-LA-EPA-04, 1603DR-LA-EPA-07, 1603DR-LA-EPA-08 and 1603DR-LA-EPA-09, as they relate to Orleans Parish. The Unified Command determined that no additional assistance relating to hazardous materials and oil is required at this time and that any remaining issues are successfully transitioned from this Unified Command back to the authorities of the State of Louisiana and Orleans Parish.

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